## **South Dakota Board of Social Work Examiners**

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## OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES Teleconference December 10, 2021-12:00PM CDT/11:00AM MDT

Members Present: Karen Chesley, President

Michael Forgy, Secretary/Treasurer

Jennifer Gray, Member Sharon Stratman, Member Kim Brakke, Lay Member

Members Absent: None

**Others Present:** Carol Tellinghuisen, Executive Secretary; Brooke Tellinghuisen-Geddes, Executive Assistant; Abby Rehorst, Executive Assistant; Vicki Isler, Amber Bruns, ABA Advisory Committee Members; Ryan Loker, Special Assistant Attorney General, DSS; Ryan Groeneweg, Director of BCBA Program USD and the Center for Disabilities.

**Call to Order/Welcome and Introductions:** Chesley called the meeting to order at 11:01 AM MDT.

**Roll Call:** Chesley requested Tellinghuisen-Geddes call the roll. Chesley, yes; Forgy, yes; Gray, yes; Stratman, yes; Brakke, yes. A quorum was present.

**Corrections or additions to the agenda:** The Board agreed to schedule the next meetings for 2022 before the Board enters executive session.

**Approval of the agenda:** Stratman made a motion to approve the agenda. Forgy seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

**Public Comment:** Chesley called for any comments from the public. Ryan Groeneweg, Director of the BCBA Program at the University of South Dakota stated that he would like to update the Board regarding the BCBA program at USD as it is in its first year. He stated that six people are actively going through the program and there has been a substantial amount of interest for the Fall 2022. The first semester has gone well and there has been positive feedback from the students. Chesley thanked Groeneweg for the update.

**Approval of the Minutes from Board meeting October 15, 2021:** Forgy made a motion to approve the minutes from October 15, 2021. Gray seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

**FY Financial Update:** Tellinghuisen-Geddes reported fiscal year-to-date figures as of October 31, 2021: revenue of \$40,484.71, expenses of \$44,044.76, and cash balance of \$266,626.81.

ABA Updates: None.

**ASWB ANNUAL DELEGATE ASSEMBLY 2021:** Gray attended the virtual ASWB Annual Delegate Assembly. Gray updated the Board on the topics discussed at the conference, including releasing exam performance data. She further stated that she hopes the next conference will be in-person.

**Update on Online Renewal System:** Tellinghuisen-Geddes stated that approximately 80% of renewals are coming in online. She further stated that there were 615 licensees needing to renew by December 31, 2021. To date, there are 248 licensees left to renew. Chesley asked if there have been any issues with the new system. Tellinghuisen-Geddes responded that for the most part, things have gone smoothly with the database.

**Legislative Updates:** Loker stated that the regular legislative session will begin in January 2022 so new bills that may affect the Board would come down at that time. At this time, there were no new legislative updates.

Lake Area Tech Associate's Programs for SWA Licensure: Tellinghuisen-Geddes stated that the department chair for the Human Services Technician program at Lake Area Technical Institute reached out to the Board Office regarding SWA licensure for their program graduates. Forgy questioned if the school was accredited by a national agency. Tellinghuisen-Geddes stated that graduates from Lake Area Tech receive an associates of applied science degree instead of an associate of arts degree as is set forth in statute. Forgy agreed to look into the issue and report back to the Board at the next meeting.

**Schedule Next Meetings:** The next meetings are scheduled for February 10, 2022, April 8, 2022, and June 3, 2022 at 11 a.m. MDT / 12 p.m. CDT.

**Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2:** Gray made a motion to enter executive session at 11:33 a.m. MDT. Forgy seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote. Isler, Bruns, and Groeneweg exited the meeting. The Board exited executive session at 11:45 AM MDT.

**Complaints/Investigations:** Rehorst advised that complaint #272 and #274 are both pending.

## **CSW-PIP Supervision Contracts:**

Stratman made a motion to approve the following contracts. Gray seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

Schmit, S.: Supervision with Shaffer beginning October 5, 2021;

Thomas, H.: Supervision with Bass beginning on October 21, 2021;

Lippert, T.: Supervision with Patzlaff beginning on October 18, 2021;

Carey, A.: Supervision with Towne beginning on October 7, 2021;

<u>Hoogeveen, T.:</u> Supervision with Rall beginning on October 5, 2021;

Wood, H.: Supervision with Brewer beginning on November 5, 2021;

Wiebrand, D.: Supervision with Lohff beginning on November 15, 2021.

**CSW-PIP Applicant Approvals:** The following applicants were approved for CSW-PIP licensure by Chesley. Forgy made a motion to ratify the following applicants as approved by Chesley. Brakke seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

Braaten, Angela Dye, Melissa Gately, Audra Gunderson, Melissa Jones, Amber Kenney, Amy

Any other business coming in between date of mailing and date of meeting: There was no other business.

Gray made a motion to adjourn at 11:45 a.m. MDT. Stratman seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Tellinghuisen Executive Secretary

1-27-1.17. Draft minutes of public meeting to be available--Exceptions--Violation as misdemeanor. The unapproved, draft minutes of any public meeting held pursuant to § 1-25-1 that are required to be kept by law shall be available for inspection by any person within ten business days after the meeting. However, this section does not apply if an audio or video recording of the meeting is available to the public on the governing body's website within five business days after the meeting. A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor. However, the provisions of this section do not apply to draft minutes of contested case proceedings held in accordance with the provisions of chapter 1-26.